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SUBJECT: SOVIET QUARANTINE OF THREE TRAVELERS FROM ITALY

1. THREE AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN (MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION) WERE QUARANTINED ON ARRIVING IN MOSCOW FROM ITALY SEPT. 23 DUE TO FACT THEY WERE NOT INOCULATED AGAINST CHOLERA AT LEAST SIX DAYS BEFORE ENTERING SOVIET UNION. BUSINESSMEN HAD RECEIVED SHOTS AT ROME AIRPORT JUST BEFORE FLYING TO MOSCOW. THEIR TWO ASSOCIATES WHO OBTAINED CHOLERA SHOTS A MONTH AGO WERE NOT DETAINED.

2. NEITHER SOVIET HOSTS NOR EMBASSY WERE INITIALLY ABLE TO PREVAIL UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE BUSINESSMEN. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THEY WERE FINALLY RELEASED ONLY ON CONDITION THEY DEPART SOVIET UNION EVENING SEPT. 24. THEIR ALTERNATIVE WAS TO REMAIN IN QUARANTINE UNTIL FIFTH DAY OF INCUBATION PERIOD HAD PASSED.

3. SOVIET MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT AS TEMPORARY MEASURE ALL TRAVELERS FROM ITALY WERE NOW REQUIRED TO PROVE CHOLERA INOCULATION AT ENTRY. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES AS RULE REQUIRE SUCH INOCULATION FOR TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN SOVIET UNION FROM AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES.

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